

¶ The Confession and declaration of Robert sharpe Clerke, and other
of that secte, tearmed the Familie of Loue, at Pawles

Crosse in London the. xij. of Iune.

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Whereas I Robert Sharpe, haue hertofore vnadvisedly, conceived good opinion
of certayne booke of an authour, other wyle unknowne, saue onely, that hee noteth hym-
selfe by the Letters H. N. And was induced therevnto, partly by the strange tytles that he
gyueth to him selfe, terming hymselfe, amongst other names, A Prophet raysed vp from the
dead: Specially by God appointed, and stirred vpp, according to the promises for this tyme
which he calleth the last day of grace. Affirming that he hath receyued his message from the
mouth of God himselfe. And partly being also moued by the noueltie of the Doctrine, and
great promises made, as though men might thereby attayne to bee Deified, or made as God:

Now vpon conference wth the Godly learned, (whereof some are in auctoritie) being admonished of the ar-
rogancie of the sayde authour, in vsurping the sayde tytles, and of his blasphemous sacriledge, in taking vnto
hym other greater tytles, as, That he is the illuminate with the true light of the perfect being: Anointed with
goddess diuine being: One whome God hath hominified him self withall, and who is codeified with God him selfe:
(For with such monstrous and bruised termes, he cloketh his blasphemies, as though he were made one with
God, and God one with him) Segregating vnto him selfe a priuate Conuenticle of simple deceaued men, (whom
he nameth the Familie or Comunaltie of Loue) and detest ing all wyle and learned men, whom he tearmeth Scrip-
ture learned. And also I being aduertised by the sayde Godly learned, of a great number of detestable Errors
contayned in the booke of the sa. de H. N. And specially in those two wicked Bookes. Whereof the one hee
nameth The Euangely or Gospell of the Kingdome: As though hee had brought a newe Gospell into the world,
which Saint Pawle forbiddeth, and holdeth acursed, though it were brought by an Angell from heauen) And
the other Booke hee calleth, The Declaration of the Masse. In the which two Bookes, and other lyke wicked
Bookes, of the sayde authour, not onely the vsurped auctoritie of the Bishop of Rome, and his Cardinales,
and the Sacrifice of the Masse, wth manye other lyke wicked errours, but also euers damned heresies of the
Arrianes, Pelagians, and Anabaptistes, are maintayned: To the ouerthrow, of the true doctrine of our iustifi-
cation, and sayth in Iesus Christ, and of all true Religion.

Therefore vnderstanding nowe my grosse errors, I doe here before God and you vtterly detest, and from
my heart abhorre, as well the sayde Authour, wth all his arrogant, and blasphemous titles, as the instru-
ment of Satban, by hym stirred vp, to seduce and beguile the simple people: As also all his Damnable errors
and Heresies whatsoever. And doe confesse here before God and you, that I am hartly sorre that euer I dealt
wth any such Bookes, or resorted to any secret Conferences, assemblies, or Conuenticles, wth those that are
named The Familie or Comunaltie of Loue: And that thereby I haue gyuen so great offence vnto the Church
of God: for the which I most humbly and hartly aske forgiveness both of God and you. And doe promise sayth-
fully neuer to meddle, wth these, or any other such Bookes, or wth that secte hereafter: But vtterly doe re-
nounce and forsake the same, and all other Errors and Heresies whatsoever contrarie to the Common, Ni-
cene, and Athanasius Creedes, or to the holpe Scriptures conteyned in the Bookes of the olde and newe Testa-
ment. And doe also forsake whatsoever is repugnant to the Doctrine nowe taught and puplicly set forth in
the Church of England, which Doctrine I acknowledge and confesse, to be the true and Catholike Doctrine,
agreable to the Canonically Scriptures, and that the same of all Christians, ought to be professed, without res-
pect of any daunger to the body, whether it be by death or otherwayes. In whiche profession, that I maye con-
stantly remayne to my lyues ende, I doe most hartly beseeche you, to commend me in your prayers, to the
great goodnesse and mercye of Almighty God.

Robert Sharpe.

The same confession and declaration which Robert Sharpe hath presently made be-
fore you J. A. B. Doe vnfaynedly and willingly make, I detest all the errors and heresies be-
fore by hym detested. I do saythfully promise here before God & you whatsoever he hath promised. And
wth lyke petition most humbly and hartly beseeche God and you to forgive me. And I doe hartly de-
sire you to praye vnto the Lorde for me, that he in his great mercie will pardon me, and so gyue me
by his holy spirite that detest ing all errors, I maye hereafter embrace the truth of God, and con-
stantly continue in the same, to the ende of my lyfe. And this I craue at his mercifull handes for Iesus
Christ his sake myne only Redemer and Saviour.

{ John Allen.
{ Ihon Lydye.

{ John Sharpe.
{ William Burwell.

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